

Docket No.: 50212-180

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Wataru SAKURAI, et al.

Serial No.: 09/771,894

Group Art Unit: 1722

Filed: January 29, 2001

Examiner: R. Davis

For: OPTICAL CONNECTOR FERRULE, MOLD THEREFOR, METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING OPTICAL CONNECTOR FERRULE, AND METHOD OF  
INSPECTING OPTICAL CONNECTOR FERRULE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, which restriction was clarified with the Examiner during a telephonic communication on May 29, 2003, as between:

Group I. Claims 15 through 24 directed to a mold and method of molding and inspecting; and

Group II. Claims 25 and 26 directed to a method of inspection.

In response Applicants elect to prosecute claims 15 through 24 (Group I).

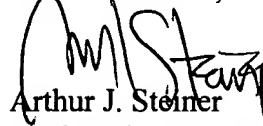
Favorable consideration of claims 15 through 24 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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